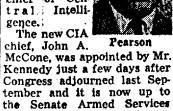
By Drew Pearson

One of the first problems facing the Senate Armed Services Committee will be to review the record laid down by

its late, muchl o v e d senior Republican, Styles Bridges of New Hamp-shire, regard-ing President Kennedy's new chief of Central Intelligence.;



Committee to confirm him. If Sen. Bridges' colleagues turn to their own subcommittee hearings of June 2, 1953, and thereafter, they will find some amazing testimony by and about the new CIA chief.

Amazing as it is, the testimony is not quite complete, because later testimony by Mc-Cone before the Joint Atomic Energy Committee, July 2, 1958, shows that he may have been guilty of a conflict of interest when as Under Secretary of the Air Force he awarded a Flying Boxcar contract to the Kaiser-Frazer Company

charged his fellow Republican, Hagerstown, Md. The Air showed that the plan to build Copyright, 1962, Bell Syndicate, Inc.

deny that the Bechtel family owned 4200 shares of Kaiser gottated.

Frazer common stock. He also had a hard time putting a good the Air Force not \$888,365 as decision was reached to award the Flying Boxcar contract to Kaiser. No facilities or cost had have made and light on the highly unusual chain of facts which Sen. Bridges placed before the Senate Armed Services Subcommittee as to how Kaiser got the Flying Boxcar contract.

At that time, 1950, Henry J. Kaiser's attempt to rival other auto manufacturers with the "Henry J" small-sized car and other Kaiser-Frazer makes had been a flop. He had a heavy overhead, a factory at Willow

unearthed by Sen. Bridges, He was told he could get it though apparently fast, was Kaiser's close associate with if he had a Government conproper under the sense of whom he had been engaged in tract. West Coast shipbuilding, John "Later that same day, thanks crating," replied McCone. A. McCone, got him off the to his old shipbuilding partner, hook. McCone produced, a ship, he had lunch with Mc is it not?" asked Bridges, quickie contract to manufacther the Cone, then Under Secretary of ture the C-119 or Flying Box the Air Force in charge of progressions.

McCone, with being "merely on leave of absence from his position as president of the Bechtel-McCone Corp . . . becomes Under Secretary of the Air Force and arranges a nice fat gift for Kaiser, and that is how Kaiser manages to continue to suck defense dollars while our boys in Korea die for lack of planes."

McCone denied the state McCone, how context away fon Fairchild, despite the higher cost McCone, try-long to the higher cost McCone, try-long the higher cost McCone, how Cone despite the higher cost McCone, try-long the McCone denied the state sued the directive on "second quired to give the data to a ment. However, he did not suppliers" only after the competitor. Kaiser contract had been ne-

> liquor, food, and the cost of charge Uncle Sam for being a dedication party for its first bailed out at Willow Run. C-119 though this was caught and disallowed by Air Force to ask McCone:
> auditor:
> "If the Air Force's records auditors.

Faster Than Fast

Run, Mich., which was closing pressed from his unsuccessful Materiel Command on Dec. 19, down, and a large supply of auto-venture, applied to the four days later, what would machinery on hand.

Reconstruction Finance Coryou say?" According to the testimony poration for a \$25 million loan.

Nine days later, Dec. 15, the estimated, but \$1,339,140 per studies had been made, and boxers it even charged up to the Air Force had no idea the Air Force \$78,000 for what Kaiser was going to

All this caused Sen. Bridges

should indicate that the decision to award the contract for. The amazing, high-speed ne the C-119 to Kaiser-Frazer was gottations began on Dec. 5, reached on Dec. 15 and that gottations began on Dec. of the proposals were delivered by Kaiser-Frazer to the Air

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"It is even faster than fast.

for three times the price the Government was paying to the Fairchild Corporation.

One Republican, Rep. Alvin

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The cost per plane as built also was present, together with by Kaiser was to be \$688,365. Lagranged his fellow Republican

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In all the testimony, however, McCone would not admit that he had any continuing financial relationship with plane as built by Fairchild in this luncheon, Senate hearings Kaiser.

